



Formartine Parish Church

United Worship for Palm Sunday

Order of Service

Sunday 24 March 2024 11.00am

Welcome and Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 24)

Minister: Sing praise to God who made the world

ALL: Sing praise, sing praise to God

Minister: We who live on earth are his

ALL: Sing praise, sing praise to God

Minister: Welcome God all those who love him

ALL: Welcome him and praise him

Minister: God blesses us when we obey him

ALL: Welcome him and praise him

Minister: Fling wide the gates and welcome him

ALL: Sing praise, sing praise to God

Minister: Open the doors and welcome him

ALL: Sing praise, sing praise to God

Praise 279 Make Way! Make Way!

Prayers of Approach
Response Hosanna **Hosanna**
Lord's Prayer

The Word of God Mark 11:1-11 (Dramatised Version)

Narrator: As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus send two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions:

Jesus: 'Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks why you are doing that tell him that the Master needs it and you will send it back at once.

Narrator: So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them,

Bystanders 1 'What are you doing, untying that colt?'

Narrator: They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in

the fields and spread them on the road. The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout,

Bystanders 2: 'Hosanna!

God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord!
God bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Narrator: Jesus entered Jerusalem, went into the temple, and looked around at everything. But since it was already late in the day, he went out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Hold onto the Hosannas

*Let's stay with the Hosannas for a while.
Let's let them keep on ringing in our ears.
Hosanna!*

*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Instead of rushing on to hear the cries
that came later in the week
let's stay with the Hosannas.*

*Maybe once we've heard those
in a new way
will we be ready
to make the rest of the journey:
a journey that was hastened
and given new purpose
by those Hosannas.*

*For those Hosannas were not
simply the innocent cries
of palm branch waving children,
those Hosannas were the
war cries of adults,
tired of the oppression
of occupying forces.*

*Those hosannas
were the hopeful cries
of a nation seeking liberation.*

*Those Hosannas
were an investment of hope
in one they thought would deliver.
Those Hosannas
that we have sanitised over the years
rang out in clear insurrection,
sealing the fate
of one who rode on a donkey.
So, let's stay with the Hosannas.
Let's wrest them from the lips of children
and allow them to ring in our ears
and spew from our mouths
as a call to action,
a call to justice,
a call to love.
Let's stay with the Hosannas
even as we journey
with the Christ
who carried those Hosannas
all the way to the cross
and ensured their fulfillment
as the justice and love of God.
Let's stay with the Hosannas.*

Praise 367 Hosanna, loud Hosanna

The First Palm Sunday

The Donkey
The Disciples
The Crowd

Praise 364 All glory, laud and honour

This Palm Sunday,

Living to Serve Others
Showing who Jesus is

A Life of praise

Prayers of Confession and Thanksgiving

Act of Commitment during which CH4 399 will be played

Offering Praise 502 Take my life Lord let it be (sung seated as the offering is taken up and brought to the front.

Admission of Rachel Elizabeth McRae by Profession of Faith

Question to Rachel

Congregation stand and say together

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

Born of the Virgin Mary

Suffered under Pontius Pilate

Was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again

He ascended into heaven

He is seated at the right hand of the Father

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

The Holy Catholic Church

The communion of saints

The forgiveness of sins

The resurrection of the body

And the life everlasting.

Amen.

Would the congregation please remain standing

Prayer of Confirmation and laying on of hands

Admission to Fellowship of Church

Question to Congregation

I charge you the people of this congregation to love, encourage and support this our sister in faith that she may continue to grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God. Will you accept the responsibility which is thus laid upon you?

***With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ;
nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in service.***

Will the congregation please sit.

The right hand of fellowship

The Promises of Membership

Sung Blessing 796 The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Prayer

Welcome and Charge to Rachel

Prayers for Others

Sung Response 782 v1 Lord of life we come to you

Distribution of Palm Crosses in silence

Lenten Prayer before the Cross

*Journeying God,
as we move towards Easter
the colours change:
richer and darker,
the light fades,
the desert seem closer
and the colours further away.
Today we see where the journey ends.
It has been long
and we have learned much.
Maybe all the learning is still to be done?
Yet even here
at the cross
is your promise of presence,
always with us,*

*forever.
Lenten God,
may we find more space to remember
you,
clear the clutter to focus more on you,
let go what distracts us
and pick up that which
brings us closer to you,
find thinner places to meet you,
and speak about that cross
and that crown
you bore for us
Amen.*

Praise 365 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Benediction

Notices

Easter Worship

Today Formartine Session constitutes at 10.50am for admission of new member.

Thursday 27 March 7.00pm Pitmedden

Simple meal followed by Maundy Thursday communion

Friday 28 March 7.00pm Good Friday Service in Tarves

Sunday 31 March Easter Day

10.00am Joint Easter Celebration Tarves

6.00pm Chapel at Haddo House Easter Evening Service led by Professor Sir Iain Torrance preceded by tea in the library from 5.00pm.

Tuesday 26 March Pitmedden 7.30pm

Formartine Session meet

Tuesdays 9.30am Pitmedden Kirk

Mainly Music

Tuesdays 10-11.00am Tarves Kirk

Coffee morning in Tarves

Wednesdays 6.30pm Udney Green Hall

Boys Brigade

Thursdays 3.00 – 5.00pm Pitmedden Kirk

Youth Café

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